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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the claims. Claims 1-37 have been allowed. The present amendment amends claim 26 and adds new claims 38 and 39.

The amendment to claim 26 is made merely to clarify the subject matter of the claim. Newly added claims 38 and 39 depend from allowed claim 35, and further recite that the claimed reacting step occurs either *in vivo* (claim 38) or *ex vivo* (claim 39). The subject matter of these added claims is fully supported in the specification, e.g., at page 87, first full paragraph. Further, these claims are patentable over the prior art by virtue of their dependency from allowed claim 35. Applicants submit the amended and new claims require no additional search or examination. On this basis, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 500862002100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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